

County Schools' CEO Maxwell Meets with City Council, ACE

by Mary Moien

The Greenbelt City Council held a worksession on August 4 with Dr. Kevin Maxwell, chief executive officer of Prince George's County Public Schools. Also attending were Peggy Higgins, Greenbelt's representative on the school board; all councilmembers except Judith Davis; and several members of the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE). A number of major topics were addressed but only those related to the new and "old" Greenbelt Middle Schools (GMS) and the incoming French Immersion Program are reported here. Other education worksession topics will be reported in a future article.

Council had toured the original sections of the old school prior to the meeting and sought comment on the status of the French Immersion Program moving here from Robert Goddard Middle School. Mayor Emmett Jordan noted that much work was

needed to get the older parts of the building ready for the French program, such as finishing classrooms, buffing floors, completing kitchens and working on playgrounds. Maxwell indicated that all work will be completed prior to the beginning of school later this month. (The French Immersion school website now shows the school address on Edmonston Road.) The school will be separate from the new school with individual principals and facilities. Currently the principals are discussing how to share the existing playing fields.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts brought up the use by community groups of the playing fields. The city and school system are working on a memorandum of understanding to allow use by city groups, although there are complications. After-hours access to fields and availability of lights, especially on weekends, must still be resolved.

In addition, the two schools may field more sports than previously thought, leaving less time for community use of fields.

Bus Lot

Removal of the big school bus lot adjacent to GMS is a related issue. The county has been searching for another location for the lot. Maxwell said they have a location in mind but that a price has not been agreed upon. In response to a question, he said the lot does not have to be physically close to the current one as long as it is near major roads and not too far from the schools served by those buses.

Although the city would like the bus lot space to be developed into more playing field space, no agreement has been reached with the county on use of the space.

One section of the old school will be demolished, however, which Maxwell said will take

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It's Happening: Repaving Of Southway Ramp to BWP

by Kathleen Gallagher

It's been a long time coming, but last Thursday the city was notified that paving work was scheduled to begin Tuesday, August 12 on the deteriorated southbound ramp off Southway to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. Douglas Nair, construction operations engineer for the Federal Highway Administration (FHA), Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division, notified City Manager Michael McLaughlin that the work, which had been scheduled to begin earlier, was delayed because of problems with the contractor's asphalt-mix design.

According to Nair, over the past two weeks the asphalt producer has been making adjustments to improve the production of the mix. On August 6, Nair's laboratory received new pre-production samples of the asphalt, for which they anticipated having

analysis early this week. He said if all went well the contractor would begin to mill and overlay the Southway ramp Tuesday night working early into Wednesday morning weather permitting. The milling and paving were expected to take one shift to complete, with the ramp being closed from 7:30 p.m. until 5:30 a.m.

At its Monday night meeting council welcomed the good news that all of the Parkway entrances and exits in Greenbelt will be improved this week. Councilmember Leta Mach asked city staff to pursue more pedestrian friendly improvements at the entrances and exits of the Parkway on Southway and Greenbelt Road.

Last fall, a letter from the FHA's Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division to then-mayor

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Summer Show of Creative Kids Camp Is Message to Tomorrow

by Jacob Bell

Performers at the Greenbelt Arts Center took the audience on a journey through the solar system Friday during their production of the musical Message to Tomorrow.

The show came after two weeks of hard work from the cast and crew of Creative Kids Camp, a summer program that advances artistic and collaborative skills for children ages 6 to 12. Chris Cherry, performing arts program coordinator at Greenbelt Community Center, has run the camp for the past 14 years and served as writer and director of the musical.

In Message to Tomorrow, four children obsessed with their phones, texting and social media learn a lesson or two about manners and the power of imagination

from their Grandma, played by Greenbelt resident Sue Smithers.

The children learn these lessons after Smithers transports them back in time to 1938. From there the kids team up with heroic leaders Spark Swenson and Doctor Darla to stop Mang the Mannerless, a villain who wants to take over the galaxy and his evil lackeys, the Pig-Mees.

On their journey to thwart Mang, the children stop by Mars and the Moons of Jupiter, running into different life forms on each world. From the Havalots to the Hurryups to the Instablabs, the various aliens' spoiled, impolite or impersonal cultures cause the kids to question their own ways. With the help of Spark and Darla,

the kids teach the aliens, and eventually Mang, that life is better when everyone shares, cooperates and improves interpersonal communication.

Speaks to All Ages

The play speaks to people of all ages, Smithers said. "I love it – the message that he brings across – that nothing can replace the human connection, and that's what we need more of in our world today."

"I think it's important that kids pass the message along even to their parents," Greenbelt Community Center Supervisor Di Quynn-Reno said. "They can go home and say, 'Mom, you need

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Indoor Pool Closes For Cleaning

Indoor Pool closed Sunday, August 17, 8 p.m. through Monday, August 25, 6 a.m.

Outdoor Pool – Open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., August 19 through 22 and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., August 23 and 24. The fitness wing will be closed Monday, August 18 and Tuesday, August 19.



PHOTO BY JACOB BELL

Some of the cast and crew of Message to Tomorrow.

Many Greenbelters Gather For National Night Out Fun

by Jacob Bell

Greenbelt City Council members, city police officers and hundreds of residents hit the streets of Greenbelt on August 5 for the annual National Night Out.

Introduced in 1984, National Night Out is a block party-style event that promotes community involvement in crime prevention, according to the National Association of Town Watch. With nearly 40 million participants in more than 16,000 communities, the event has come to be known as "America's Night Out Against Crime."

Organizers here hosted National Night Out at seven different locations throughout the city. From Beltway Plaza to Schrom Hills, event-goers could enjoy a variety of foods and forms of entertainment, including music, basketball, a moon bounce and a slip and slide.

"It's an event that we do every year and the community supports us," Officer Carlos Torres of the Greenbelt Police Department said.

At Beltway Plaza, Greenbelt police showcased some of the

tools and methods they use to keep the community safe. With the help of a police dog and a bite-proof sleeve, two officers demonstrated how K-9s sniff out potential dangers.

Law enforcement also provided an open-door police tank vehicle which children were allowed to explore. Torres and fellow officers manned the tank exhibit, helping children inside and showing them around the vehicle.

"My role in National Night Out is getting everything together, setting up and bringing this equipment to the people," Torres said. "They love the tank, we've had it for years. This is probably the main attraction of the whole National Night Out."

Vital for City

National Night Out is vital for the city, as the community gets to meet and greet first responders and elected officials, according to Greenbelt City Councilmember Silke Pope.

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What Goes On

Monday, August 18

8 p.m., Council Worksession on Roosevelt Center Festivals, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71, and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Wednesday, August 20

8 p.m., Council Worksession with hotels (stakeholders), Community Center

Sunday, August 31

3 to 5 p.m., Retro Town Fair, Roosevelt Center

Letters to the Editor

Mockingbirds And Multiflora Rose

I read Jason Martin’s letter (August 7) about invasive species and one that he named was Multiflora rose.

This species will not be eradicated from the woods without first eradicating mockingbirds. The Audubon society website notes the relationship between these two species. A paper on the Rutgers website shows that the relationship was established by 1980. In the winter they both feed from and roost in Multiflora rose, not just here but all the way up into Canada.

If we eradicate the mockingbirds here, new ones will move in and bring the seeds of Multiflora rose with them. Mockingbirds are marvelous, intelligent creatures who consume substantial numbers of insects while raising their two to three broods a year.

This is what’s called “the circle of life.” More research on all the species mentioned in Mr. Martin’s letter might manage expectations about what can or should be done.

Patricia Heil

Farewell to GAC General Manager

Local Greenbelter Betsy Marks Delaney, long-time general manager of The Greenbelt Arts Center, is leaving GAC for a new position. Although we congratulate her and wish her the best, we will sorely miss her. Betsy has been the face and voice of GAC for five years and we appreciate her splendid work. Actively involved with her daughters in Greenbelt events, she has added a great deal to the community, where she remains a resident, as well as to the Arts Center.

Losing Betsy means that GAC is immediately seeking a new general manager. The position is paid, part time and very flexible. GAC hopes that Betsy’s successor will also be a Greenbelt resident, but anyone who is interested in applying should visit our website at <http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org/> for information describing the position

Norma R. Ozur

Correction

In the GATE story in the July 31 issue we reported that GATE receives a studio and \$20,000 of funding. In fact, GATE receives more than that. The funds come from franchise and other fees paid to the city by cable providers. The News Review regrets the confusion.

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Newest Playground Needs Better Site

The city plans to construct another playground (no. 38) beyond the very north end of Vanity Fair Drive and about 20 yards into the Forest Preserve beyond the wooden Belle Point Forest Preserve sign. Council feels that since Belle Point has no playground in its community, there should be one. Fine. But the problem is they plan to locate it not in a central location where it would serve all of Belle Point, they plan to locate it within the preserve beyond the cul-de-sac of Vanity Fair Drive, at the extreme north end of Belle Point.

This location would be far (about 400 yards, or almost one quarter of a mile) from the southern portion (court) of Vanity Fair Drive and adjacent Lady Ann Court where there are over 55 town homes. The families with children here would need to walk a good distance to get to this playground. In addition, a number of trees and vegetation within the preserve would be removed which is contrary to the intent of having a forest preserve (preserving forest).

The playground location should be re-evaluated by the city and council. The proposed playground should serve the entire Belle Point community by being more centrally located. Return to the ‘drawing board’ on this one!

Bob Snyder

News Review Offers New Online Archive

If you want to know what was happening in Greenbelt in the week of your birth, this is for you (as long, that is, as you were born on or after November 24 in 1937). All the issues of the News Review (except one complete year and part of another) are now to be found online. Go to GreenbeltNewsReview.com and look for the Archive button – you’ll find an entry for each year, and another click gets you the 52 weeks of that year. Most of the issues are quite readable and have been indexed so you can do a keyword search. If you’re stuck for the perfect present for the person who has everything – be the first to print out their birthday paper!

More on the story and the team of Greenbelters behind this heroic and historic venture next week – plus a once in a lifetime opportunity for Greenbelters to get involved in making the archive even better!

Free Diabetes Support Group

A free diabetes support group will meet at Doctors Community Hospital on Monday, August 18 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be at 8100 Good Luck Road on the 5th floor of the north building. To register call 301-324-4968.

EVERYONE LOVES A PARADE! AND NOW YOU BE IN ONE!

To participate in the Greenbelt Labor Day Parade, go to the website <http://greenbeltlaborday.com/get-involved/parade-participants/>, download a parade application form, fill it out and submit it to GreenbeltLaborDayParade@verizon.net no later than August 22, 2014. See the above website link for more information on the parade.

Utopia Film Festival Presents
Sunday, Aug. 17th & Wednesday, Aug. 20th
Beginning at 8 PM

“Supercharge Me: 30 Days of Raw Food”

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Sunday 3 p.m.-11 p.m.
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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

Reel & Meal to Host “Besa: The Promise”

Compassionate response in the face of injustice is the focus of the August 18 Reel & Meal film at the New Deal Café, a free screening of Besa: The Promise. During World War II the Muslim-majority, Balkan country of Albania opened its borders to Jews and protected them from the occupying German troops by invoking the ancient moral code of “besa,” a vow deeply rooted in Albanian culture to care for anyone facing danger.

With a pre-war Jewish population of only 200, Albanian acts of rescue contributed to the survival of over 2,000 Jews, mostly refugees from across Europe. To help a Jew meant risking the lives of one’s family, neighbors and fellow townspeople. Individuals hid them, falsified documents and secured food and clothing.

The film ponders why some individuals, in the darkest political times and under the threat of reprisal, chose to help those in need, following two characters affected by the experience: Norman Gershman, a Jewish-American photographer, and Rexhep Hoxha, a Muslim-Albanian storekeeper. Between 2003 and 2008, Gershman traveled through Albania and neighboring Kosovo, taking photographs and gathering stories of those who sheltered Jews. Hoxha’s family had provided shelter to a Bulgarian Jewish family who left three Hebrew books behind when they fled. The film focuses on Hoxha and Gershman’s attempt to return these three books to their original Jewish owners, the Aladjem family. Ultimately the film depicts the compassionate side of ordinary people taking responsibility for the lives of others in times of moral crisis.

Reel & Meal is a collaboration of three Greenbelt affinity groups: Green Vegan Networking, Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group and Prince George’s County Peace & Justice Coalition. The Peace & Justice Coalition planned this month’s showing. The show starts at 7 p.m., following an optional vegan buffet served at 6:30 p.m. There is a charge for the buffet.

GES PTA Wants More Books for Labor Day

Need more space on the bookshelf?

During August the Greenbelt Elementary School PTA is collecting books to sell at the Used Book Sale booth during the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival, August 29 through September 1. Book donations can be dropped off at the Co-op Supermarket or the Greenbriar Community Building office until Wednesday, August 27. At-home pick-up for large donations can be arranged; leave a message at 301-575-6339.

Donations are tax-deductible. Money raised through the book sale is used by the PTA to support arts, music and science programs, as well as for teacher appreciation and student rewards.

The following cannot be accepted: dictionaries, atlas/maps, encyclopedias or magazines. New this year, Wonderbooks, a book store in Gaithersburg, will pick up any leftover books at the end of the sale on Monday so all books can find a home.

The PTA also welcomes volunteers to help sort books at the elementary school in preparation for the sale. For details go to greenbelt.com/gespta/ld_book_sale.shtml.

Labor Day Art Show

Calling all artists! The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival wants you to participate in upcoming art shows. This is the 60th year of our popular event, which gives local artists of all ages and abilities the chance to share their work with the community. Shows are exhibited in the Greenbelt Community Center during Labor Day weekend. There are two shows: one for adults (ages 19 and over) and another for children and younger teens. Both shows give awards in various categories. For more information go to greenbeltlaborday.com or pick up an informational flier at Greenbelt Library, the Greenbelt Community Center, the New Deal Cafe or contact Barbara Simon, art show chair, at simongava@yahoo.com.

Toastmasters to Meet Wednesday, Aug. 20

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will be on Wednesday, August 20 at 7:30 p.m., in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads. The Social Hall is at the rear of the church on the lower level of the main building.

Toastmasters offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents, retirees and others a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership. Members learn to lose the fear of public speaking, become better listeners and build skills for success.

Mowatt Bible School Begins Mon., Aug. 18

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church’s Vacation Bible School begins Monday, August 18 from 5:30 until 8 p.m. A light supper is offered from 5:30 until 6 p.m. followed by lessons in puppeteering, Bible storytelling, crafts, music and science.

A raffle will be held each evening at 6 p.m. for a fully-stocked school backpack. Early registration is appreciated. Please call the church at 301-474-9410 or email Moore9418@verizon.net.

Co-op Demos, Wine Tastings for August

On Friday, August 15 there will be a wine tasting at the Co-op grocery store from 4 to 7 p.m. An additional wine tasting will be held on Friday, August 22. Wines offered for tasting are sold at a \$1 saving.

This month’s Seasonal & Savory Food Demo & Wine Tasting is on August 27, 5 to 7 p.m. Sample grilled peaches with mozzarella and blueberry cornbread.

The Jim Cassels \$1,200 Community Service Award application is now available both on-line and in the store. Refer to the “Community” tab at www.greenbelt.coop for details.

For more information about the Co-op, subscribe to its monthly events e-newsletter at www.greenbelt.coop.

GHI Notes

Thursday, August 14
7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting (Open Session), Board Room

Friday August 15
OFFICE CLOSED – Emergency Maintenance will be Available.

Tuesday, August 19
7:30 p.m. Companion Animal Committee Meeting – GHI Lobby

8:30 p.m. Yard Lines Committee Meeting, GHI Library

Wednesday August 20
7 p.m., Woodlands Committee Meeting, Board Room

Note: Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Both City, Hospital Having Blood Drives

Greenbelters have their choice of sites for Red Cross blood donation drives this week. On Friday, August 15 from 12:30 to 6 p.m. the Greenbelt Recreation Department is hosting a drive in the Community Center at 15 Crescent Road.

On Thursday, August 21, the Greenbelt Lions Club in partnership with Doctors Community Hospital will hold a drive from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the hospital at 8100 Good Luck Road in Lanham.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old and meet minimum weight requirements. Bring a donor card, driver’s license or two other forms of identification. Appointments are encouraged but not required. For more information on donating or to make an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org.

Used Book Sale at Labor Day Festival

Benefiting Greenbelt Elementary School PTA

Book donation drop-off at Co-op Supermarket & Greenbriar August 1 – 27, 2014

For information on large donation pickup, call 301-575-6339.

Upcoming Events At the New Deal

Thursday, August 14 Mid-Day Melodies with Amy Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. James and Martha host Open Mic from 7 to 9 p.m.

Friday, August 15 begins with John Guernsey on piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. followed by Better Off Dead, a Grateful Dead tribute band with high energy, great vocals and inspired jams.

Saturday, August 16 Bruce Kritt plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m., Guernsey performs classic piano standards from 6:30 to 8 p.m. We welcome Backbeat Underground to the Café from 8 to 11 p.m. This group offers up a smoldering blend of soulful funk and jazz and is a hot new addition to DC’s funk scene!

Join the deaf brunch Sunday, August 17 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. The Fez Tone Hafla brings live Middle Eastern music and belly dance from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, August 18 join the monthly Reel & Meal at the Café from 7 to 9 p.m. for a screening of the film Besa: The Promise. (See separate piece on this page.) A vegan buffet will be offered (there is a charge).

Tuesday, August 19 is Poetry Open Mic Night from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, August 20 welcomes the De Bonis/Allen Duo. These virtuoso guitarists cover rock classics and will perform from 7 to 9 p.m.

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WEEK OF AUG 15

FRIDAY - WEDNESDAY

Step Up All In, PG-13 (!)
11:10, 1:40, 4:20, 6:55, 9:35
Guardians of the Galaxy, PG-13 (!!)
11:15, 2, 4:10, 7, 9:45
The Expendables, PG-13, (!)*
11, 1:50, 4:20, 7:10, 10
Let’s Be Cops, R (!)*
11:20, 1:50, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, PG-13 (!)
11:10, 11:40, 2:10, 4:10, 4:50, 6:35, 7:15, 9
Lucy, R
1:40, 9:40
Get On Up, PG-13 (!!)
11:55, 3, 6, 9
Into the Storm, PG-13
11:25, 1:35, 4:55, 7:25, 9:40

THURSDAY

Step Up All In, PG-13 (!)
11:10, 1:40, 4:20
When the Game Stands Tall, PG (preshow)*
7:10, 9:50
Guardians of the Galaxy, PG-13 (!!)
11:15, 2, 4:10, 7, 9:45
The Expendables, PG-13, (!)*
11, 1:50, 4:20, 7:10, 10
Let’s Be Cops, R (!)*
11:20, 1:50, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, PG-13 (!)
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Lucy, R
1:40
Sin City, R (preshow)*
9:05
Get On Up, PG-13 (!!)
11:55, 3, 6, 9
Into the Storm, PG-13
11:25, 1:35, 4:55, 7:25, 9:40

*NOT a part of the morning and Tuesday discount shows



More Community Events can be found throughout the paper

Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATE)
2nd Floor, Greenbelt Community Center, Suite 204
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Members Only

Canon Camera Class (\$\$)
Operation and composition basics
Saturday, August 23rd, 10-2PM

Adobe Premiere editing class Intensive (\$\$)
Learn the basics: set up, capture, edit, and basic graphics in Adobe Premiere.
Sept. 2 – 4, Tues. – Thurs., 7-9PM
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Greenbelt Arts Center

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By William Shakespeare
Directed by Joshua Engel
Guest Production from the Rude Mechanicals
August 15, 16, 22 & 23 at 8 PM
Sunday Matinee August 17 at 2 PM
Ticket prices: \$17 General Admission,
\$14 Students/Seniors/Military,
\$12 Child (12& under)

COMING

Auditions – Death by Design –August 26 & 27
The Heroes’ Tale – September 5-13
Hamlet – September 26 – October 12 – Guest Production from Off the Quill

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Local Bicentennial Events Commemorate War of 1812

August 21, 2014
War of 1812 Night at the Bowie Baysox: 6 to 10 p.m., Prince George’s County Stadium, Ballpark Road, Bowie, Md. The ballgame will feature special games and singing of the Star Spangled Banner. Regular ticket prices apply. Call 301-464-4865.

August 22, 2014
John Bull Roast, 6 to 9 p.m., Riversdale House Museum, 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park, Md. A chance to meet and greet with re-enactors. Details to be announced at <http://www.prince-georges1812.org>.

August 23, 2014
Battle of Bladensburg Monument Unveiling, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 4901 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg, Md. To be held at Monument Park on the other side of the Peace Cross intersection, this will be the official dedication of the Undaunted in Battle/Battle of Bladensburg monument, a testament to those who made their sacrifice in 1814. The event includes remarks by local leaders and a formal unveiling. Participants will proceed to the Waterfront Park afterward to join the festival. For information call 301-887-0775.

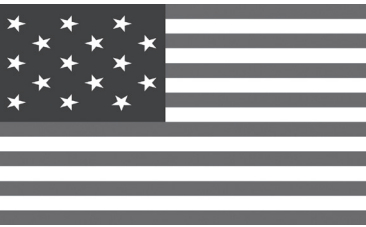
Undaunted Weekend - Battle of Bladensburg, 12 to 9 p.m., Bladensburg Waterfront Park, 4901 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg, Md. The festival will feature historic trade demonstrations, a battle reenactment, music and dancing, children’s games, information booths and much more.

DC Food Truck Rally all day.
Community Party beginning at 5 p.m. There will be music from local bands and the Navy Commadores, followed by the biggest fireworks show the area has seen, produced by Fireworks Extravaganza. For details visit <http://www.princegeorges1812.org>, or call 301-887-0775.

August 24, 2014
Bladensburg Races, 8 to 9 a.m., Bladensburg Waterfront Park, Annapolis Road, Bladensburg. A quick 5 km race will give participants a chance to run the battlefield.

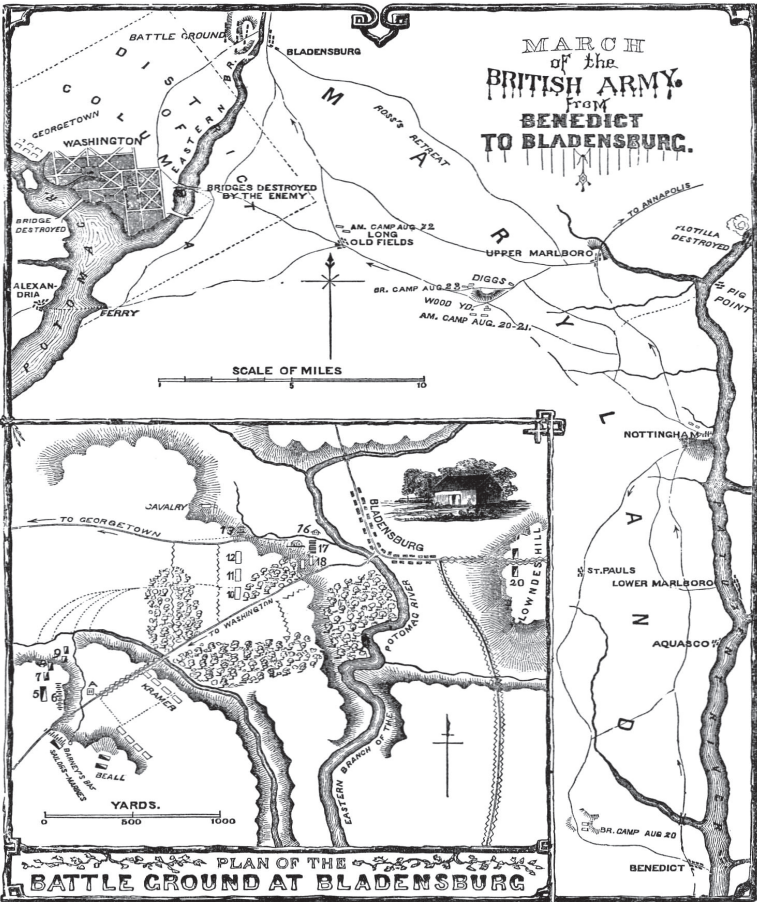
Burning of Washington, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bladensburg Waterfront Park, Annapolis Road, Bladensburg. Quiet family-friendly activities with open houses at historic sites (Magruder, George Washington House, Bostwick), boat rides, walking tours and more. Also scheduled is a social media reenactment of the battle, minute by minute.

Also consider traveling into Washington, D.C., for the day with a variety of activities planned in the city (<http://www.dewarof1812.org>). For more information, call 301-887-0777.





Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS
Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building
ALL ARE WELCOME.




Plan of Campaign and Battle of Bladensburg from Lossing’s Pictorial Field Book of the War of 1812.

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
Vacation Bible School
August 18-22
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Public programs at the refuge are free although advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887. For more information visit the website at fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent.

Two Breast Cancer Support Groups
On Tuesday, August 19 from 7 to 9 p.m. two breast cancer support groups will meet at Doctors Community Hospital. A group for male caregivers will be on the 5th floor of the north building at 8100 Good Luck Road. The group is facilitated by men whose loved ones are breast cancer survivors.

The second group is for women who are newly diagnosed or recovering from breast cancer, on the 4th floor of the north building. Call to receive a free educational brochure. Registration is required; call 301-324-4968.



Congratulations to Greenbelt resident and rising junior at Kennedy Krieger High School in Baltimore, Joshua Headley, who has done it again! For the second year as goalie for his school varsity soccer team, Joshua helped lead the KK Bulldogs (or the “Dream Team” as the players prophetically called themselves) to first place championship for their league. Each player was awarded a beautiful trophy to celebrate their victory. Way to go Joshua and the Dream Team!

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors etc. to share with our readers. We’d especially like to hear more from neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Franklin Park). To send information for Our Neighbors, email us at newsreview@verizon.net or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

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Taking Exception

Our County Is Rich in History from Then to Now

by Bonnie L. Shields

The August 7 issue of the Greenbelt News Review contained an article entitled, “The Most Ignominious Defeat Took Place Down the Road.” The article referenced the Battle of Bladensburg now being commemorated for the part it played in the War of 1812.

The lead sentence caught me by surprise: “Prince George’s County, in which Greenbelt is located, has few historical sites of significance.” Even though the writer probably was referring specifically to battle sites, I felt the statement could be misconstrued. Our county is rich beyond compare in significant historical sites.

The county has seven registered archeological sites, containing fossils and dinosaur bones as well as Native American, Colonial and Black History artifacts. The county’s first inhabitants were the Piscataway, the only Native American tribe indigenous to the upper Chesapeake Bay area. Our own City of Greenbelt is located on the crossroads of Indian movement north and south. Our local springs and work sites have yielded many arrowheads, including some found by my husband over the years.

The area was first noticed in 1608 through John Smith’s exploration of the upper Chesapeake. Exploration and the promise of fertile lands would soon put us on the map for colonization.

We became a part of a 10- to 12-million-acre land grant in the upper Chesapeake, granted to the Calvert Family by Charles I of England, bringing the first colonists to what would become Maryland in 1634. It would be George Calvert who secured the boundaries for our county and named it for Prince George of Denmark on April 23, 1696.

The History Division of the Prince George’s Travel Promotion Council lists 41 points of interest. The National Capital Park and Planning Commission issued an illustrated inventory of historic sites in July 1993, containing a collection of 78 historic homes representing 15 residential architectural styles.

We claim:

- The first manned U.S. balloon ascent at Bladensburg in 1784.
- The first test telegraph line from Riverdale in 1844.
- The oldest continuously operating airport since 1909, and the first U.S. airmail service in 1918.
- Our own historic town of Greenbelt, first occupied in the autumn of 1937 and still going strong.

These are only a few examples; I could go on and on. Visit our library and discover the wealth. One will find that many of these treasures are in our backyard. It’s true that the county has few recorded battle sites. Because of the War of 1812 Bicentennial, our county will celebrate its most important contribution to the war at the Battle of Bladensburg. As humans, we

often seem to dwell on the negative of “a defeat.” I find a better outlook in an Olympic statement from years past: “The important thing in the Olympic Games is not winning but taking part. The essential thing in life is not conquering but fighting well.”

The British incursion was an unexpected surprise. The Americans were unprepared. History calls the Battle of Bladensburg “the Races,” because the Americans were said to have fled the field. Under the circumstances, retiring from the field of battle in order to fight another day might probably have been a conscious decision.

On August 23 at Monument Park in Bladensburg, a memorial to the Americans who fought at Bladensburg will be unveiled. The sculptor Joanne Blake said it was a daunting challenge to design this memorial. Not only were these Americans defeated, but also history portrayed them as less than heroes. But history revealed something else. Although the Americans were defeated at Bladensburg, it was an important wakeup call. It alerted the country that the British were back and independence was in jeopardy. In just three weeks, the Americans again were facing the British in Baltimore. This time they were prepared, no surprise and our National Anthem reflects the outcome.

Prince George’s County can be proud – the Battle of Bladensburg in its own unusual way was and is significant!

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SCHOOLS

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place before school begins. Councilmember Leta Mach questioned whether the bricks were being recycled. Maxwell said he was unsure but would investigate.

The naming of the combined school campus is another issue to be resolved. Currently Greenbelt Middle School is the name, but a sign for the Robert Goddard French Immersion School is planned.

The county, however, has an established process for naming and renaming schools. The first step is forming a committee following guidelines for the committee's composition.

A member of the audience, Vijay Kowtha, made a suggestion for a new name for the school. He proposed naming it after a late Prince George's resident, Edna Belle McNaughton. A professor at the University of Maryland from 1919 to 1957, Dr. McNaughton was a childhood education pioneer and early childhood advocate. Under her leadership, the program now known as the University of Maryland Center for Young Children was established at the College Park campus.

The use of the rooms to be renovated in the historic part of the old school was also raised, but no discussion was held on the topic. Maxwell said he has not yet read the task force report but that the office of Monica Goldson, chief operating officer for the school system, will be responsible for those decisions.

RAMP

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Judith Davis explained that the agency would partner with the National Park Service, which owns the parkway, to undertake repairs and repave a section of the parkway south of Greenbelt from the Beltway to Cheverly.

The Southway ramp, along with others in the area, was scheduled for repair as part of the larger roads project. According to the letter, the pavement engineer had reported that the top layer of asphalt on the Southway ramp had separated from the bottom layer, which necessitated removing the entire top surface and replacing it with new asphalt. In this situation, patching would be of no avail, so the area continued to deteriorate.

Although the Southway ramp was scheduled to be repaved in a day, drivers on the Parkway should anticipate significant delays from lane closures as the overall project will take through Sunday, August 17, weather permitting. For the most part, the work is scheduled to be done between the hours of 7:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m.

More detailed information on closures is posted on the city website at greenbeltnmd.gov.

See you at the
Moonlit Movies
on Saturday
at 8:30 p.m.

Foundation to Give Proposal Workshop

The Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF) will present a workshop on writing grant proposals on Wednesday, August 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center. Bill Duncan will cover the basics of applying for a grant from the foundation including general tips for success. This workshop is free and open to the public.

Duncan, a former GCF advisory board member, will provide guidance on how to apply. He has had a long career in nonprofit management and development as well as extensive engagement in the Greenbelt community as a volunteer.

The Greenbelt Community Foundation has two grant cycles a year, awarding grants ranging from \$500 to \$5000 to local organizations, cooperatives and non-profits in Greenbelt. The next deadline for submitting applications is September 15. More information about GCF, as well as application materials, can be found at www.greenbeltfoundation.net.



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Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf.
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Assault
August 2, 10:35 p.m., 6200 block Edmonston Road. When a man left a nearby home to go to his car, he was approached by two other men who told him they were gang members and had a problem with him. They punched him several times. He went back to his home and the men fled in a vehicle described as a Nissan Frontier pickup. The man refused medical treatment for minor injuries.

DWI/DUI
August 3, 1:49 a.m., Kenilworth Avenue and Crescent Road. A 25 year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired by alcohol and other traffic-related charges after being stopped for a traffic violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

August 3, 3:18 a.m., Greenbelt Road and Route 495. A 31-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired by alcohol and other traffic-related charges after being stopped for a traffic violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

Marijuana
July 31, 6:40 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A 19-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with drug-related offenses by an officer responding to a report of drug activity. He was released on citation pending trial.
August 2, 12:27 a.m., Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue. A 36-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged

with possession of marijuana by officers responding to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the roadway. He was released on citation pending trial.

Theft
July 29, 10:30 a.m., 6300 block Ivy Lane. A notebook-type computer was removed from a conference room.

August 1, 1:45 p.m., Hanover Parkway and Hanover Drive. An unattended wallet and cell phone were taken from a bench at the dog park.

Vandalism
August 2, 9 a.m., Hillside Road. Graffiti was spray-painted on the Greenbelt Community Church building.

Vehicle Crime
One vehicle was stolen, a black 2004 GMC Yukon SUV with Md. tags 944M747, taken August 6 from the 7500 block of Mandan Road.

A 2009 Chevrolet Cobalt reported stolen April 4 from 21 Court Ridge Road was recovered August 5 in the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace. No arrests were made.

Thefts from vehicles were reported in the 5800 block Cherrywood Lane (GPS unit, car stereo and sunglasses) and 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive (tires and rims). Other thefts occurred after car windows were broken out in the 7000 block Mathew Street (stereo) and 7900 Greenbury Drive (watch and cell phone).

Vandalism was reported in the 9200 block Springhill Lane, where paint on a vehicle was scratched.

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health of your community and constituents," said Pope, who attended a cookout at the Schrom Hills event with her daughter and granddaughter. "It's a more relaxed atmosphere to mingle with people and talk, and they get to know you a little bit on a personal basis."

Some residents not only came to enjoy the event and meet new people but to present their ideas of how to make Greenbelt better. At the Old Greenbelt event near the Greenbelt Community Center, Tim Cohen-Mitchell spoke to attendees about his organization, KIDS.coop, which aims to help children ages 10 to 14 become entrepreneurs and get involved with a co-op.

"There are two-earner families who don't have a lot of time with their kids; they really rely on having good quality programming in the community and they want to know their kids are safe whatever they're doing," Cohen-Mitchell said.

"I think that's the main purpose of National Night Out, to help families see what community resources are out there for them and also to help them feel engaged," Cohen-Mitchell added. Going forward, many hope that National Night Out continues to foster a partnership between Greenbelt residents and officials, as well as to bring the community closer together.

"It's a very close-knit, small-town atmosphere," Pope said. "I really appreciate that community feeling, [and the] feeling that this is my home, this is where I belong, this is where I grew up."

Jacob Bell is a journalism and biology major at the University of Maryland writing for the News Review.

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City Notes

Animal Control reported one cat trapped, neutered and released; one kitten removed from a car engine; one kitten rescued on the Parkway; one stray cat found and one bat removed from a resident's home and transported to county for testing.

Woodlawn Developers met to discuss permit fees and street light layout.

Planning staff visited the Belle Point playground site to evaluate site impacts associated with installation of the playground.

Arts Program preparations are underway for the next exhibition at the Art Gallery, which will open August 25. The show will feature aerial photography of Maryland's Eastern Shore by Peter Stern, along with cardboard sculptures of hives and rock formations by David Purcell.



PHOTOS BY JACOB BELL

Greenbelt Police officers demonstrate use of their canine force (Beltway Plaza). A bite-proof sleeve protects the arm of the officer on the ground.



Sebastian Fernandez, 13, Kyle Krieger, 10, Dorothy Jahoda, 13, Edward Jahoda, 13, and Miles Campbell, 13, entertain crowds with circus theatrics at National Night Out (Roosevelt Center).



Young participants enjoy the slip and slide (Schrom Hills Park).



Officer Carlos Torres helps a child out of the police tank featured at National Night Out (Beltway Plaza).

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Launching Breastfeeding Month, Inaugural Health Fair

by Jose Luis Diaz

In celebration of National Breastfeeding Month and National Health Center Week, the Women, Infants, and Children Program at Community Clinic, Inc. (WIC-CCI) is hosting its first annual health fair in Greenbelt, thus furthering its mission to assist eligible women, infants and children to achieve improved nutrition and health status by providing nutrition education, selected supplemental foods and health referrals in a caring, supportive environment.

The event will occur on August 15 at Schrom Hills Park on Hanover Parkway in Greenbelt East. The health fair features 13 vendors among which are: Amerigroup; MedStar Family Choice; Prince George's Infants and Toddlers Program; Prince George's Parks and Recreation; Riverside Health; Heritage Care Inc.; Holy Cross Hospital; Montgomery County Infants and Toddler Program; SEED Inc.; Priority Partners; United Health Care; Casa de Maryland; and Prince George's Healthy Families. Through kid-friendly entertainment such as face painting, coloring, moon bounce, balloon animals, interactive activities and games, WIC-CCI seeks to educate the community about the resources available to them through their local WIC centers.

The WIC-CCI program serves more than 30,000 pregnant and breast-feeding women and children under the age of five annually. All WIC participants receive:

- Nutrition Education
- Breastfeeding Support
- Free Healthy Food and
- Referrals to other health and social agencies.

The goal of this health fair is to bring members of the community together at a fun-filled event to learn about healthy lifestyle choices. WIC-CCI hopes to make this an annual event and believes that this health fair will have a positive impact on the community by encouraging a healthy start for a healthy life.

WIC Program

WIC is a federally funded program that provides federal grants to states for supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children up to age five who are found to be at nutritional risk, and conducting WIC's mission in providing nutrition education, selected supplemental foods, and health referrals in a caring, supportive environment. CCI has been administering a state WIC program in Montgomery and Prince George's counties since 1996 serving over 31,000 participants annually. It can be found online at www.cciweb.org/wic.

CCI

Since 1972, Community Clinic, Inc. (CCI) has been the health home for residents of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. CCI is a non-profit Joint Commission accredited, federally qualified health center providing high-quality primary care and health-related services for medically under-served persons, promoting improved ac-

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Computer Club Meets

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, August 14 at the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 103 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Come join our discussion about computers and electronic devices. Everyone is welcome.



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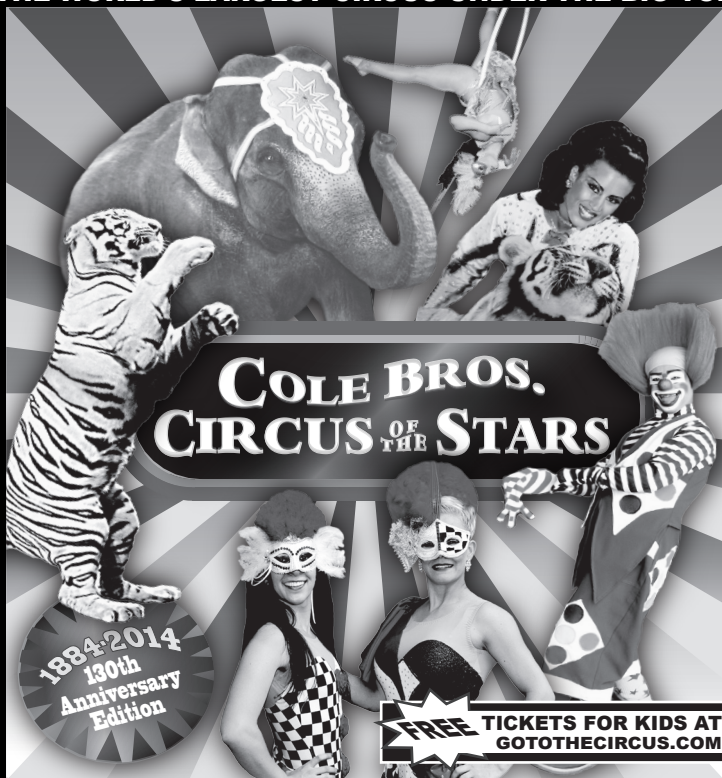
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Stilt walking is a visually appealing and entertaining end to the first act.

Circus Performers Strut Their Stuff, Impress All

by Sissi Cao

After an intense four-week summer circus camp, 41 children showcased their hard work at the gym in the Community Center this past weekend.

It's the seventh year of Greenbelt's summer youth circus camp. The show was named "Game On," inspired by popular games. The two-hour-long presentation featured classic circus programs like stilt walking, unicycling and fabric trapeze as well as novel clown shows.

The kids on the cast list are mostly from the Greenbelt area, ages from eight to 14. Though school is closed in the summer, these kids kept themselves even busier than usual in the past four weeks, practicing like professionals without taking a day off.

The first week was a "water-testing" time for everybody to try everything. In the second week, coaches and camp counselors categorized children according to their strong areas and then assigned programs. The following two weeks were devoted to intense training and skill improvement, said Charles Fahey, a camp counselor who has worked with the program for four years.

"I usually see kids coming back every year," Fahey said.

Ruby Branyan, 13 of Greenbelt, first joined the camp at six. Branyan said this is her seventh year participating in the Greenbelt program.

"I started off taking after-school classes in the winter," Branyan said. "My sister got into

this before me. I thought it was really cool so I decided to try."

Some of the circus programs like fabric trapeze require extraordinary physical flexibility that takes more than four weeks to achieve. Fahey said some kids take aerial classes outside the program. Branyan said she used to dance.

Linda Barrett, the godmother of the 13-year-old Kady Robshaw, drove from Annapolis to see Kady's performance. Kady was the lead in "the spinning plates" in the first act.

"This is Kady's fourth year at the camp. I'm very impressed," Barrett said.

Greg May, director of the show, is a child educator with nearly 10 years of experience in circus education. He also runs the Center Ring Circus School in Columbia.

Even though the show was executed professionally, May and his crew members would stand near the kids when they were performing to reassure their safety.

"I think the counselors are doing a good job of being there when the kids need them and giving them protection," Barrett said.

Following Friday's performance, the youth circus camp delivered three additional shows over the weekend.

Sissi Cao is a graduate journalism student at the University of Maryland writing for the News Review.



Four kids hanging on to a thin trapeze in the opening program.

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to put the cellphone down,' or 'I don't need another selfie' and it's done in a fun way because kids are doing it."

Creative Kids Camp holds four two-week productions of the musical throughout the summer, with most of the cast of campers changing completely between each production.

In order to make the show a success, the production team has created a system for presenting a musical with 65 children in less than 10 days, according to Cherry. The system utilizes camp counselors and teachers, who often work with campers for the entire summer to hone the show's larger, more complex roles.

Volunteer interns also contributed by making many of the props.

"Those people's gifts are in the visual arts, and they make the production values of the show so great," Cherry said.

"Kids bring some special abilities to the show as well," Cherry added. "Young children can memorize and learn so fast, and that's why it's possible for them to learn and perform these songs and dances in such a short period of time. They also have this capacity for imagination that adults sort of envy."

Ultimately for Cherry, it's the collaborative nature of musical theater that makes all the work worthwhile.

"It involves the talents of many, many people," Cherry said. "There's a thrill in working together on a project that is bigger than all of us. Everybody uses their talent and everybody grows."



Above, left to right, Maeve Ballantine (as a Pig-Mee), Ian Brown-Gorrell (as Mang the Mannerless), Sara Guerrieri and Meliha Tokay (also as Pig-Mees). Below, left to right, Evan Camara (as Pratler Multichat), Flavia Perrotta and Abram Shaw.



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